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MEMORANDUM FOR PHYSICAL EVALUATION BOARD PRESIDENTS

SUBJECT: Policy/Guidance Memorandum #17: Identification of Cases of Soldiers Pending Promotion or Requiring Grade Determinations

1. Purpose: To obtain the assistance of the PEB's in identifying cases to be separated or retired for disability at "promotion list" grade and to identify cases that this Agency must forward to the Grade Determination Review Board before finalizing the case.

2. Discussion:

a. 10 USC 1372 and 10 USC 1212 have been amended to allow disability retirement or separation to be at the grade to which the Soldier would have been promoted except for the termination of his service due to physical disability. Based on coordination with officer and enlisted promotions the amended provisions apply to Soldiers on a centralized promotion list; Soldiers on a semi-centralized list who have met cut-off score; and Soldiers pending automatic promotion from PVT to Spec and 2LT to CPT. HQUSAPDA will be coordinating with MEDCOM to have the PEBLOs seek promotion information from the Soldier and via the personnel statement required by AR 635-40, para 4-151.

b. AR 15-80, paras 1-11, 3-1, and 4-3, entitle disability cases to a grade determination when the Soldier was reduced from his or her highest grade served due to misconduct or inefficiency. (The board will not review those cases in which reduction occurs after the case is received at HQUSAPDA. The Soldier will have to petition the Army Board for Correction of Military Records. The board must also review cases involving higher officer rank which was not held the requisite time were the member retiring for length of service at that grade.


3. Policy/procedure: The PEBs must check the case documents for indication that the Soldier is on a promotion list, pending automatic promotion, or previously held a higher grade. When such is identified, the PEB will tag the case according to the applicable category.

4. Point of contact: Ms. Frances Dennis, Policy Officer, DSN 662-3064 and commercial (202) 782-3064.

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